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SUBJECT: FINLAND RECOGNIZES GUINEA-BISSAU

FINLAND TODAY DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU.

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COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION:

BEGIN QUOTE: FINLAND HAS TODAY RECOGNIZED THE
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU. THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. KARJALAINEN, HAS SENT A
FORMAL MESSAGE TO THIS EFFECT TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER OF GINEA-BISSAU, MR. VITOR SAUDE
MARIA, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF THE FINNISH
GOVERNMENT THAT A CLOSE AND MANY-SIDED COOPERA-
TION BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECOGNITION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU, DR. KARJALAINEN HAS
ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE GOVERNMENT
OF FINLAND HAS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE INFOR-
MATION GIVEN BY THE UN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS READY TO RECOGNIZE THE
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS AN INDEPENDENT
STATE, AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF PORTUGAL
TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST BY GUINEA-BISSAU FOR
UN MEMBERSHIP. FINLAND HAS, IN THE UNITED
NATIONS TOGETHER WITH THE ORTHER NORDIC
COUNTRIES, ACTIVELY SUPPORTED EVERY EFFORT TO
BRING THE COLONIAL POLICIES TO AN END BY PEACEFUL
MEANS AND THUS ACHIEVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE UN CHARTER, SELF-DETERMINATION
AND INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLES STILL LIVING
UNDER COLONIAL RULE. THE ABOLITION OF COLONIALISM
IN AFRICA HAS NOW TAKEN AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD.
WHILE THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION IS SAID TO
COMMENCE AT ONCE WITH REGARD TO GUINEA-BISSAU,
THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS FURTHERMORE EX-
PRESSED ITS READINESS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ITS OTHER COLONIAL
TERRITORIES IN AFRICA REGARDING THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE OF THOSE TERRITORIES".

END QYOTE. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY THE FINNISH FO, SWEDEN, BUT NOT REPEAT
NOT NORWAY OR DENMARK, ALSO EXTENDED RECOGNITION
TO GUINEA-BISSAU TODAY.

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